1	2	3
Daman & Diu	0.25	30
Delhi	25	1000
Lakshadweep	5	75
Pondicherry	5	75
TOTAL	12130.35	1318480

Environmental clearance to Mumbai-Nasik Expressway

1717. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has submitted proposals for environmental clearance of Mumbai-Nasik and Mumbai-Talsyri expressways; and

(b) if so, why the proposals have not been cleared so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A decision on the proposals of Mumbai-Nasik and Mumbai-Talasari Expressways could not be taken for want of complete information/clarifications on various related issues particularly flora and fauna.

Construction of Jamrani Dam on Gola River

†1718. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after approval for construction of Jamrani Dam on Gola River in Nainital district of Uttar Pradesh, its barrage and canals had been constructed;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is also a fact that its technical approval in 1989 was given with the restriction of environmental clearance; and

(c) if so, the reasons for non-approval to the letter in this regard, which was sent to the Ministry on 6th September, 1997 and by when this approval would be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) This Ministry is not aware of construction of Jamrani dam, barrage and canals. However, no forest/environment clearance has been accorded.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The project was referred to this Ministry for environmental clearance in 1989 and was rejected in 1992 due to non-submission of requisite environmental management plans (EMP). The information sent vide letter dated 6.9.97 was incomplete and the project authorities were informed accordingly. Partial information was received in February, 1999. On examination of the proposal, it was found that information regarding catchment area treatment (CAT), disaster management plan (DMP) and rehabilitation plan was incomplete, and accordingly, clarifications have been sought from the project authorities on 14.9.99. Decision regarding granting of environment clearance will be taken within three months from the date of receipt of complete information. The proposal in regard to forest clearance has not been received.

Rhinos in Kaziranga National Park

1719. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the annual amount spent on conservation and protection of Rhinos in the Kaziranga National Park other than salary of staff;

(b) whether the amount is adequate for maintenance of the Park damaged every year by floods; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed for better infrastructure, patrolling better weaponary, effective means for communication and skilled wild- life staff for conserving and protecting the park's fauna?